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2007 Census of Agriculture You Should Be Counted!



NASS is Committed to Making Sure ALL Farms are Accurately Represented

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will soon conduct the 2007 Census of Agriculture. We need your help to make it the most effective tool it can be! The Census of Agriculture provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

Your Voice

Have you ever thought agriculture wasn't considered a valued and important industry? Taking part in the 2007 Census of Agriculture is your opportunity to be heard.



Join this collective voice and take this opportunity to have a positive impact on US agriculture at both the local and national levels.



When you receive your Census report form in early 2008, please complete and return it promptly.

Your Future

The 2007 Census of Agriculture will collect information concerning all areas of farming and ranching operations, including production expenses, market value of products and operator characteristics.

Your responses help provide information that is used for all types of agricultural planning and decision-making. This information helps USDA work with other organizations to develop short-term and long-term improvement, strategies and safeguards.

Here are just a few examples of how the information is used to benefit your operation and your entire community.

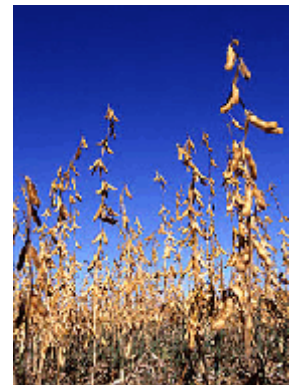
- Your county extension office uses the data in community planning to ensure you are getting the services you need.
- USDA uses the information to determine if its service centers are staffed at appropriate levels to assist farmers and ranchers.
- Lending institutions use the information to provide sufficient funds for operational loans.

Your input, along with the input of all of America's farmers and ranchers, can make a real difference for you and your community.

Your Responsibility

As a member of the US farming and ranching population, it's your responsibility to stand up and be counted. The Census of Agriculture is how you can make a difference to your operation, your community and all of US agriculture. You provide USDA with vital information that cannot be collected by other means.

To be relevant, this information needs to be accurate and inclusive. You can help us tell the story of Indiana's diverse agriculture.



If you do not receive your 2007 Census of Agriculture report form by mid-January 2008, please call toll-free: 1-800-363-0469.



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Your responses are protected by law, Title 7, U.S. Code. This law safeguards the privacy of your data. Federal law requires that your individual answers are kept completely confidential. USDA publishes the data totals for statistical purposes only, and the individual data cannot be used for purposes of taxation, investigation, or regulation.

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"County Fair Tractors" was taken by Libbie Fender from Knightstown, Indiana. This is Libbie's first year in 4-H and she is eleven years old. Libbie was at the Hancock county fair looking for colorful pictures when she noticed the tractors. She said that her interest in photography was sparked by her father and now she takes her camera everywhere.

The photograph on the back of the cover is named "Rural Warren County", and was taken by eleven year old Emily Fry-Schutt of Attica, Indiana. Emily is a second year 4-H member. She took this picture in the fall of 2005, while on her way home from church. She liked the colors of the trees and the contrast with the abandoned barn and thought it would make a good picture. Emily's interest in photography comes from her mother. She says, "We always have a camera close by".

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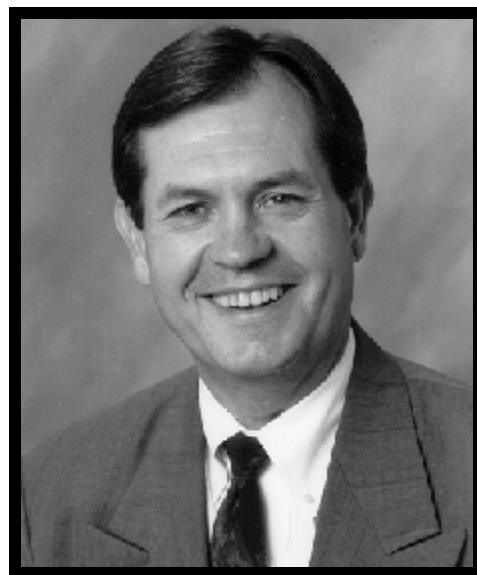
We extend a special thanks to the farmers, agri-businesses, extension officials and others who voluntarily provided basic data used to prepare the statistics presented in this publication and to the corps of enumerators who so faithfully collected much of our raw data.

We would also like to thank all of the 4-H photography members that submitted pictures for use in our publication. All of the photos were included on posters displayed at the 2006 Indiana State Fair.



Randy Woodson,
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This information is very important, but just as important are the people. We take this opportunity to thank the following for helping provide this valuable resource to the farmers of Indiana.



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In this issue of the 2006-2007 Indiana Agricultural Statistics Annual Summary you will find a comprehensive snapshot of Indiana's agriculture. The data contained in this book is published each year to meet the need for accurate, reliable and unbiased information regarding Indiana's agricultural production. This information is often used to provide facts to decision makers that determine the future of Indiana's agricultural industry. Our goal for this publication remains unchanged. To provide the public with data to help them understand the current situation of Indiana's farming community and future opportunities. We continue to strive to exceed this goal. Hoosier crop farmers should take pride in the fact that Indiana continues to rank near the top in the production of corn, soybeans, popcorn, blueberries, peppermint, spearmint, processing tomatoes, and vegetables for processing. Indiana livestock producers helped put Indiana's rank at the top for hogs, chickens, eggs, and turkeys raised. The information in this annual summary is collected from farmers using surveys throughout the year. The voluntary response and cooperation of Indiana farmers, agricultural business firms, USDA Farm Services Agency County staff, Purdue University County Extension Staff, the NASDA Enumerators, and others across the state make this annual summary possible. The Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service pledges confidentiality of all individual reports or business data. We take every action necessary to ensure this pledge is upheld.

We are again pleased to feature the photography talents of 21 individual 4-H members in Indiana's 2006-2007 Agricultural Statistics Annual Summary. These photographs, exhibited at the 2006 Indiana State Fair, provide a glimpse of the wide variety of Indiana's agriculture from future farmers perspective. We are grateful to all of the 4-H members who submitted their photos for publication.

This is the 81st edition, which documents Indiana Agriculture in 2006, and is published by the cooperative efforts of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service and Purdue University Agricultural Research Programs. The Federal/University cooperative partnership has existed since 1925 and continues to enhance agricultural research programs with State specific statistical projects. Some of those projects include Timber Price Survey, Corn-after Corn Management Survey, Soybean Growers, Corn Ear Rot & Mycotoxin Analysis, Soybean Phytophthora Root Rot & Cyst Nematode Sampling, and Grain Marketing Analysis. Results of these special research efforts are mostly published by the individual research programs and generally not a part of this publication.

Sincerely,

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